



ITW

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takatoshi DEGUCHI**

Group Art Unit: **Unknown**

Serial No.: **10/695,666**

Examiner: **Unknown**

Filed: **October 29, 2003**

Confirmation No.:

For: **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

Attorney Docket No.: **032071**

Customer Number: **38834**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 8, 2004

Sir:

Applicant directs the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is attached with exception of U.S. patents.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, because it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following the filing date or the entry of the national stage of the above-captioned application.


The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

U.S. Serial No. 10/695,666  
Attorney's Docket No. 032071

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee that is required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

**WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP**

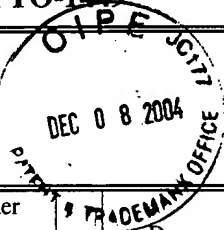


Stephen G. Adrian  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 32, 878

SGA/jl

1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 822-1100

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION PTO-1449</b>	Atty. Docket No. 032071	Serial No. 10/695,666
	Applicant(s): Takatoshi DEGUCHI	
	Filing Date: October 29, 2003	Group Art Unit: Unknown



### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
	6, 720,249 B1	Timothy J. Dalton, et al.	4/13/2004			4/17/2000
	6, 465,157 B1	Jianxun Li, et al.	10/15/2002			1/31/2000
	6,242,344 B1	Leong T. Koh, et al.	6/5/2001			2/7/2000

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
	2001-351976	12/21/2001	Japan	NO (corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,720,249)

### OTHER DOCUMENTS

	Office Action from Taiwanese Patent Office received on September 29, 2004, with English language translation.
Examiner	Date Considered